

Some German wisdom: Hier stehe ich! Ich kann nicht anders! Gott helf mir!

Here I stand! I cannot do otherwise! God help me!—Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms.

Quoted in an editorial in the in the World upon the President's note to Germany.

Has Hell itself its rights?—Goethe.

The end of anger is the beginning of repentance.—Bidenstedt.

Every wrong is avenged on earth.—Goethe.

Subdue the bitterness of the heart. There is no good result when hatred is returned for hatred.—Schiller.

You think that you are pushing, and you are being pushed.—Goethe

Terrible is he who has nothing to lose.—Goethe.

Power is the best sort of eloquence.—Schiller.

Let humanity ever be our goal.—Goethe.

Was fur Plunder! What a place for plunder! This remark is ascribed to Blucher on looking at London from a high building, by Thackeray.

Let there be truth between us.—Goethe.

The silver lining of the war clouds consists in the fact that the nation is more nearly united than at any time in the memory of living man. It is an assurance that the spirit of our ancestors is not dead and that the country has not grown too great to be moved by a common impulse and to work for a common good. This is still the land of the bold spirit in a loyal breast.

Better that all our ships an' all our crews Should sink to rot in ocean's dreamless ooze, Each torn flag wavin' challenge ez it went, An' each dumb gun a brave man's monument,

Than seek such peace ez only cowards crave: Give me the peace of dead men or of brave!

—Lowell, Biglow papers.

Long peace, I find, But nurses dangerous humours up to strength, License and wanton rage, which war alone Can purge away.—Mallet.

And so misfortunes never come singly. With the war drum of the white man throbbing around the world, we have a special session of the legislature with the avowed purpose of singling out among the herd certain victims to bear the burdens recently borne by the liquor drinkers.

"Satan therat gave his tail A twirl of admiration; For he thought of his daughter War,

And her suckling babe Taxation."

During the campaign of 1912, if we heard it said once, we heard it hundreds of times, that the office of Governor was to be no very desirable thing if the state went dry and a way had to be found to raise revenue in place of saloon tax. But none ever dreamed that the legislature that immediately followed the voting the State dry would add to the annual expenditures and so increase the difficulties of the situation.

In the hurry and turmoil of that session whenever the thought came to any of the wise men that the budget was very large, they would accept the explanation that it was for a period of two years and some months, owing to the change in the date in the appropriation year.

The proverb that an old tax is no tax, is brought strongly to mind at this time. People get used to carrying a burden and never give it any serious thought. A bridle wise horse never notices the bit, but it is hard for the unbroken animal to become accustomed to it.

We take it that the Governor knows what he is about and that he has received sufficient reinforcements to put some revenue bills through. We hope he has succeeded for he done his duty as he seen it. We think that the present condition is intolerable. The State ought not to be subjected to any such run and hail of figures as it has recently had to endure.

The democrats should not be expected to help out with this high tax business for they were not consulted about the vast appropriations that make it necessary. Let those who put their hands to the plow carry out the program. The majority will get credit for the expenditures from the individuals and the communities which enjoy them, and the majority should bear the odium of wringing more money from the people.

It must be admitted that the Governor has stood like a stone wall in his first position. He has

always had a majority of the majority, but if he succeeds or fails, he probably will follow all of the other West Virginia governors into polite oblivion. "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken any way you please, is bad."

We do not for a moment think that the democrats should vote any way than "no" on measures to increase the rate of taxation. One party or the other should be responsible. The office of the minority is to oppose and watch the majority. When the minority gets too thick with the majority under our political, representative form of government, we will have to cast about for some other checks and safeguards for our legislative bodies.

If the executive department would ask the democratic caucus to take the matter in hand and straighten out the state finances, there is no doubt but what the minority could do the thing in a neat and workmanlike manner, but the millennium is not yet.

So we look to see the tax law go through with a ripping, rending sound and the smooth running republican machine of the first days of the session will be found with its gears stripped and ready for the scrap heap. This will be no loss to the State, for the republicans in West Virginia are as numerous as the sands on the shore and the leaves on the tree and there is an over abundance of material to build a new one.

We venture the prediction that the direct tax rate will be raised and this tax is a charge upon the savings of honest men who make proper returns to the assessor. It makes the economical and careful men pay the tax and lets the extravagant and spendthrifts go free. It is anything but the equal sacrifice such as is contemplated by the constitution for the service that the state renders to each individual.

We have given the subject of our beloved State's predicament much careful thought and attention, and we have given much unsought advice. But do not think we are deceived as to our relative importance in this matter. It will have about as much effect on the situation as a blister on a wooden leg, as an old sea captain remarked in court the other day.

Boys should be taught to speak the truth, to ride a horse, and to shoot a gun. What do the mountain men think of a law such as was passed by the recent legislature to require a permit in writing from the county clerk before the boy can carry a gun in the woods and learn how to use it?

This law was passed in the atmosphere of the splatter gun the clay pigeon. If wild game is to be given a real chance for life, abate the shot gun and go back to the rifle. This rule would mean more to the game in the woods than all other game laws combined and would create a generation of rifle-men. It would work good in two ways.

What is going on in boydom in your town? We get glimpses now and then that there is a very important organization know as boys with their own ways and leaders. The boy of a lordly house may be taking orders and following the son of some humble citizen in a way that would startle and provoke the aristocracy of which he is the hope and pride.

And thirty years from now, these poor boys who have been elevated to the place of a chief will be found to be the responsible members of the community and in control of affairs. It is the bitter experience of every aristocratic family. The small boy is much more like the mature man than the big boy. Keats makes a clear statement: "The imagination of the boy is healthy, and the mature imagination of a man is healthy; but there is a space of life between, in which the soul is in a ferment, the character undecided, the way of life uncertain, and the ambition thick-sighted."

It is never safe to judge a boy in his teens and then he should have the most careful consideration, but if you could be admitted into the councils of the small boys, you could very nearly pick out the coming leaders of the nation.

We saw a game going on the other day on the cement sidewalk among small boys. They were pitching metal tobacco tags, the one placing his tag nearest a crack to take all the tags. It was a mild form of gambling. One boy was broke and looked on. Another was down to his last metal disc. He waited for several throws and then seeing that the two who were playing had made wild throws jumped to the pitching place as quickly as a sparrow, and made his last throw and lost, and after that he looked on. Two kept on until one was down to his last tag. The winner threw and his tag hit a flaw in the walk and rolled away several feet. The other boy seeing a sure chance to recoup threw as quickly as light but the first boy claimed a foul and picked up his disc. Then they argued. Finally the boys agreed to throw again. The little fellow who was about to be frozen out threw and his tag settled squarely across the crack, a perfect throw. Then the bloated adversary with all the tags put his disc in his pocket and declared that the game was over. Then there was a howl. But the

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the tax so heavy that only those who were willing to account for the dog every moment of time would take out a license for a pet. It also makes suggestions that any dog without a license tag be killed if found off its owner's premises unattended.

It sounds a good deal like the dog law introduced in our legislature last winter which raised such a bowl of indignation over the State, and stirred up such adverse sentiment that the patrons of the bill, or at least some of them, were willing to say that the whole thing was a joke.

Years ago when a similar law was offered one of the wise men said that the legislature was thinking of passing a law to promote murder, making it lawful for one man to kill another man's dog.

If there is one thing that Pocahontas is suited for more than another it is the sheep business. There is probably not a place in the world so free from sheep disease. This condition is improving each year. The old saying that the mountain sheep are sweeter, applies with full force to the mutton raised here. Yet at the same time there is no where a greater number of dog lovers than we have here. So what are you going to do about it?

The poetry of earth is never dead: When all the birds are faint with the hot sun, And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run

From hedge to hedge about the new mown mead; That is the grasshopper—he takes the lead In summer luxury,—he has never done With his delights, for when tired out with fun, He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.

The poetry of earth is ceasing never: On a lone winter evening, when the frost Has wrought a silence, from the stove there shrills The cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever, And seems to one in drowsiness half lost, The grasshopper's among some grassy hills.

—Keats.

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GIRL WANTED—White girl, 12 to 14 years old, as nurse for child 5 years old. Box 300, Marlinton.

Special Sale Beginning May 25th and continuing 5 days I will run a Special Sale on Fancy Groceries. These goods are first-class in every respect. They must be sold on account of overstock. I will quote you prices on a few articles—

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The County Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, will receive sealed bids at the court house of said county until

Tuesday, May 25, 1915, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the construction of two small bridges across the North Fork of Deer Creek in the Greenbank District of said County, near Greenbank. The contractors to furnish plans and specifications for both concrete and steel bridges.

Also at the same time and place the said County Court will receive bids for the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge across Greenbrier River, in the Town of Marlinton in said County. Length of bridge 304 feet, 18 foot road-way, with a 4 foot, cantilever walkway down stream. The contractor shall remove all the old wooden structure and the middle pier. All surplus material shall become the property of the contractor. The contractor shall maintain a suitable footway on trestles across said river during construction and low-water.

Bond required, and the Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the County Court. S. L. Brown, Clerk.

NOTICE

Road Contractors The Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas County will receive sealed bids at his office, in the town of Marlinton, W. Va., until

Tuesday, May 25, 1915, at noon, for the construction of a road from Spice Run to the old Droop Mountain road, on the location surveyed by E. H. Williams, County Surveyor. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the County Court. S. L. Brown, Clerk.

Notice to take Depositions

Joseph E. Rach Plaintiff Rosy Rach Defendant In the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia.

To Rosy Rach: Take notice that the deposition of Stella Yerago and Lottie Yerago and myself will be taken at the law office of F. R. Hill, in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, on the 5th day of June, 1915, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 1 p. m., to be read in evidence on the hearing of the above cause, in behalf of myself.

If from any cause the taking of the same shall not be commenced, or being commenced, shall not be completed on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned from time to time until they are completed. Yours, &c. Joseph E. Rach, By Counsel.

F. R. Hill, Counsel.

Custom Hatching

I will hatch for the public after May 15th, Capacity 700. No less than 150 eggs hatched at a sitting.

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Write or phone your wants, and arrange a date for sitting. Eggs received and chicks delivered at Hillsboro. Parina chick feed for sale. Yours to serve, POCAHONTAS HENNERY. G. W. Fuller, Proprietor.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given to all parties having claims against the estate of Abraham Sharp to present them properly proven to the undersigned administrator for settlement by June 1, 1915. All parties knowing themselves indebted to said estate will come forward and settle at once. This 11th day of May, 1915.

A. A. SHARP, Administrator of Abraham Sharp, deceased.

Committee's Notice.

All persons holding claims against Max Curry are hereby notified to present the same, properly proven to me for payment. All parties knowing themselves indebted to Max Curry are notified to come forward and settle at once.

Given under my hand this 11th day of May, 1915. A. E. EDAR, Committee for Max Curry.

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